

report the provision of the Senate amendment, not included in the House amendment, that provides immediate payments to taxpayers receiving additional credit by reason of the bill in the same manner as other taxpayers were entitled to immediate payments under the Jobs and Growth Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2003.

Two. The House conferees shall be instructed to include in the conference report the provision of the Senate amendment, not included in the House amendment, that provides families of military personnel serving in Iraq, Afghanistan, and other combat zones a child credit based on the earnings of the individuals serving in the combat zone.

Three. The House conferees shall be instructed to include in the conference report all of the other provisions of the Senate amendment and shall not report back a conference report that includes additional tax benefits not offset by other provisions.

Four. To the maximum extent possible within the scope of the conference, the House conferees shall be instructed to include in the conference report other tax benefits for military personnel and the families of astronauts who died in the *Columbia* disaster.

Five. The House conferees shall, as soon as practicable after the adoption of this motion, meet in open session with the Senate conferees, and the House conferees shall file a conference report consistent with the preceding provisions of this instruction, not later than the second legislative day after adoption of this motion.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair desires to make an announcement.

After consultation with the majority and minority leaders and with their consent and approval, the Chair announces that during the joint meeting to hear an address by the Right Honorable Tony Blair, Prime Minister of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, only the doors immediately opposite the Speaker and those on his right and left will be open.

No one will be allowed on the floor of the House who does not have the privilege of the floor of the House.

Due to the large attendance that is anticipated, the Chair feels the rule regarding the privilege of the floor must be strictly adhered to.

Children of Members will not be permitted on the floor, and the cooperation of all Members is requested.

The practice of reserving seats prior to the joint meeting by placard will not be allowed. Members may reserve their seats by physical presence only following the security sweep of the Chamber.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the order of the House of Thursday, July 10, 2003, the Chair declares the House in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Accordingly (at 2 o'clock and 35 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

During the recess, beginning at about 3:50 p.m., the following proceedings were had:

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JOINT MEETING OF THE HOUSE AND SENATE TO HEAR AN ADDRESS BY THE RIGHT HONORABLE TONY BLAIR, PRIME MINISTER OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND

The Speaker of the House presided.

The Assistant to the Sergeant at Arms, Bill Sims, announced the Vice President and Members of the U.S. Senate who entered the Hall of the House of Representatives, the Vice President taking the chair at the right of the Speaker, and the Members of the Senate the seats reserved for them.

The SPEAKER. The Chair has appointed as members of the committee on the part of the House to escort the Right Honorable Tony Blair into the Chamber:

The gentleman from Texas (Mr. DELAY);

The gentleman from Missouri (Mr. BLUNT);

The gentleman from Nebraska (Mr. BEREUTER);

The gentleman from California (Mr. LEWIS);

The gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. PETRI);

The gentleman from New York (Mr. KING);

The gentlewoman from Florida (Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE);

The gentlewoman from California (Ms. PELOSI);

The gentleman from Maryland (Mr. HOYER);

The gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. MENENDEZ);

The gentleman from South Carolina (Mr. CLYBURN);

The gentlewoman from Connecticut (Ms. DELAURO);

The gentleman from Missouri (Mr. SKELTON); and

The gentleman from California (Mr. LANTOS).

The VICE PRESIDENT. The President of the Senate, at the direction of that body, has appointed the following Senators as members of the committee on the part of the Senate to escort the Right Honorable Tony Blair into the House Chamber:

The Senator from Tennessee (Mr. FRIST);

The Senator from Kentucky (Mr. MCCONNELL);

The Senator from Alaska (Mr. STEVENS);

The Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. SANTORUM);

The Senator from Texas (Mrs. HUTCHISON);

The Senator from Arizona (Mr. KYL);

The Senator from Virginia (Mr. ALLEN);

The Senator from Indiana (Mr. LUGAR);

The Senator from Colorado (Mr. CAMPBELL);

The Senator from North Carolina (Mrs. DOLE);

The Senator from South Dakota (Mr. DASCHLE);

The Senator from Nevada (Mr. REID);

The Senator from Maryland (Ms. MIKULSKI);

The Senator from Delaware (Mr. BIDEN);

The Senator from Vermont (Mr. LEAHY); and

The Senator from Connecticut (Mr. DODD).

The Committee has been advised to convene in the office of the Speaker with the Members of the Senate to escort the Prime Minister into the Chamber.

The Assistant to the Sergeant at Arms announced the Acting Dean of the Diplomatic Corps, His Excellency Jesse Bibiano Marehalau, Ambassador of Micronesia.

The Acting Dean of the Diplomatic Corps entered the Hall of the House of Representatives and took the seat reserved for him.

The Assistant to the Sergeant at Arms announced the Cabinet of the President of the United States.

The Members of the Cabinet of the President of the United States entered the Hall of the House of Representatives and took the seats reserved for them in front of the Speaker's rostrum.

At 4 o'clock and 1 minute p.m., the Assistant to the Sergeant at Arms announced the Prime Minister of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the Right Honorable Tony Blair.

The Prime Minister of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, escorted by the committee of Senators and Representatives, entered the Hall of the House of Representatives, and stood at the Clerk's desk.

[Applause, the Members rising.]

The SPEAKER. Members of the Congress, it is my great privilege and I deem it a high honor and a personal pleasure to present to you the Right Honorable Tony Blair, Prime Minister of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

[Applause, the Members rising.]

ADDRESS BY THE RIGHT HONORABLE TONY BLAIR, PRIME MINISTER OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND

Prime Minister BLAIR. Mr. Speaker, Mr. Vice President, Honorable Members of Congress, I am deeply touched